



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 10, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## **Rural Utilities Service**

*TITLE:* 7 CFR 1776, Household Water Well System Grant Program

*OMB CONTROL NUMBER:* 0572-0139

*SUMMARY OF COLLECTION:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is authorized by Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) to administer and make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations which will use the funds to establish lending programs for household water wells.

*NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION:* The purpose of the HWWS Grant Program is to provide funds to private non-profit organizations to assist them in establishing loan programs from which individuals may borrow money for household water well systems. Applicants must show that the project will provide technical and financial assistance to eligible individuals to remedy household well problems. Based on the previous three-year history, Fiscal Years 2014 through 2016, RUS expects to receive and fund on average seven applications annually. Generally, unless there is an ineligible applicant, all applications are funded, but at a reduced dollar amount. Applicants will provide information to be collected as part of the application process through certain documentation, certifications, and completed forms. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds, or hindrances in making grants authorized by the CONACT. The applicant submits 2 an application package, consisting of an application form, narrative proposal (work plan), various other forms, certifications, and supplemental information. The RUS and State Offices staff use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements.

*DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:* Not-for-profit institutions

*NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS:* 7

*FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES:* Reporting: On occasion

*TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 770*

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